

East Mesa Las Cruces, New Mexico

(General Investigations - Reconnaissance Study)

The study is located in the contributing watershed in the East Mesa area of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico. The East Mesa region of Las Cruces continues to grow at a tremendous rate. As this growth occurs, the potential for flooding is increasing as the amount of water that can be absorbed into the soil is being reduced. Additionally, several small dams, constructed prior to 1940 along the west side of the Organ Mountains, either do not function as designed, are filled with silt, or are unsafe. The City is becoming increasingly concerned regarding this situation and has requested a reconnaissance study to investigate the need for flood control, watershed planning, and ecosystem restoration on the East Mesa of the city of Las Cruces. Reconnaissance study was initiated in May 2003. The recon phase will be completed in April 2004.

